Procurement of Agricultural Production

*566. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets of procurement of agricultural produce fixed by Government during the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whehter these targets were fulfilled;

(c) what were the targets of agricultural produce fixed for Haryana during the above mentioned period and whether these targets have been fulfilled;

(d) whether Government propose to provide royalty to Haryana on the procurement of agricultural produce; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) Central Government undertakes the procurement of wheat, paddy and coarsegrains for the Central Pool under the price support scheme. The procurement of wheat, paddy and coarsegrains for the Central Pool under price support scheme being totally voluntary and the procurement of levy rice from millers/traders being dependent on quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets as such can be fixed for procurement of wheat, rice and coarsegrains.

Government has no scheme under which royalty on procurement of foodgrains from farmers may be given to State Governments.

Procurement of Rice

*567. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the total procurement of rice by the Central Agencies during the current kharif season upto March, 1994 for the Central Pool in comparison to last year, separately, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Quantities of Rice (including Paddy in Terms of Rice) Procured for Central Pool upto 31-3-1994 *in* 1993-94 *Kharif Marketing Season and the Quantities Procured upto that date during the* 1992-93 *Kharif Marketing Season.*

(In Lakh tonnes)

State	Procurement	
	1993-94 (upto 31-3-94)	1992-93 (upto 31-3-93)
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	27.41	22.07
Arunachal Pradesh	..	Neg.
Assam	0.04	0.08
Bihar	0.03	..
Haryana	12.36	9.02

Neg. : Below 500 tonnes.

1	2	3
Himachal Pradesh	..	..
Karnataka	1.32	0.90
Madhya Pradesh	7.41	5.58
Maharashtra	0.71	0.54
Orissa	2.80	2.68
Punjab	54.45	48.62
Rajasthan	0.20	0.2
Uttar Pradesh	12.95	11.83
West Bengal	1.27	1.44
Chandigarh	0.25	0.22
Delhi	0.05	0.05
Pondicherry	0.02	0.05
TOTAL	121.36	103.29

Diversion of Sugarcane to Khandsari and Jaggery Units

*568. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial portion of sugarcane produced in our country still goes to khandsari and jaggery units;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recovery in khandsari units is much lower than in sugar mills;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that khandsari units are not allowed to use the vaccum pan technology;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government are considering delicensing of sugar industry in the near future; and

(g) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the sugar year 1992-93 (October—September), 43.5 per cent of sugarcane produced has been utilised for the production of Gur and Khandsari as against 44.6 per cent for the manufacture of Sugar. The recovery per cent cane in khandsari units varies from 6-7 per cent on cane as against an average of 10 per cent on cane in respect of vaccum-pan units.

(d) and (e). If use of vacuum-pan technology is allowed to khandsari units,